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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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 Worship..... 6:00 PM

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Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022

Goals For 2023
Theme
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Ron Thompson and Elbert Metcalf will be preaching today.

We are on week # 10 of our daily Bible reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,
 Macon Ward, Greg Ward,
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

THIS MONTH:
Examples of Courage: Joshua
 Joshua 1:9 24:15

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
Isaiah 53:10-12

Scripture Reading
 AM: Jshua 1:6-9
 PM: Romans 5:6-10

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 16
 Visitors YTD: 3

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Our Theme for 2023...
"Courageous Christians!"
 1 Cor. 16:13
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The Courage of Joshua at Jericho

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

VISITORS
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



TEXT: Joshua 1:6-9

I. Background

Spies sent out by Moses
 People refuse to follow God's plan
 40 years wandering in the wilderness

II. Death of Moses

III. Entering the land

Crossed the River during flood stage on dry ground
 Circumcised the males
 Celebrated passover
 The manna ceased

IV. The first target is Jericho.

The heavily fortified area enclosed about 9 acres
 A second internal fortification enclosed 6 acres
 9' deep x 27' wide ditch cut from bedrock
 Rock retaining wall 12-15' tall topped by a mud brick wall 6' thick 20-26' tall
 total height of first wall 41-50'
 A second wall 6' thick x 20'+

V. Why did Joshua need Courage?

VI. What does this have to do with us?

We need courage to believe God's Word.
 We need courage to stand for truth.
 We need courage to overcome obstacles.
 We need courage to take the next step

DO YOU HAVESUCH COURAGE?

Ron Thompson, Jr.

Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

TEXT: Romans 5:6-10

The Nature of God/Jesus

The Nature of Man

God's Love for Man

Why He had to Die

Conclusion

Elbert Metcalf

If God Commands It, We Can Be Courageous

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

FACING THE FEARS THAT LAY AHEAD OF HIM, JOSHUA WAS TOLD TO BE “STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.” I can hardly read this text without thinking of my son Brock, whose favorite song as a child was “Dare to Stand Like Joshua.” And I suppose there are few admonitions in the Bible of more practical value than what God said to Joshua. “Be strong and courageous” is extremely good advice.

But today, what I want you to pay attention to is God’s question to Joshua. Just before telling him to take courage, God said, “Have I not commanded you?” This might mean that God was commanding Joshua to be courageous, but it might have another meaning as well. The situations in which Joshua would need courage were those that he would be in *as a result of carrying out God’s commands*. And I believe God was saying, “Joshua, as long as you are doing what I expect of you, you need not fear. I will always give you the help you need to do what I have commanded you to do.”

In one of his books, C. S. Lewis had an entire chapter called “Is Christianity Hard or Easy?” And in typical Lewis style, his answer was: it is both hard and easy, depending on how you look at it and how you go about it. But Lewis would have been the first to admit that even when it is approached in the right way, Christianity still requires some very hard things. There is no way around this fact, and ironically, we only make the Lord’s commands harder when we try to take the hardship out of them.

But if doing the Lord’s will is hard, so what? If He has commanded it, then we need to be brave. There is no such thing as a command of God that is doomed to fail due to a lack of resources. He is God, and He will help us do whatever He requires us to do.

So as you consider obeying the gospel, many of the *what ifs* will be frightful. I won’t insult you by saying that your path will be easy. But what I will do is share my own experience: *if God commands it, it can be done*. Our prayer is not for ease but for boldness.

*I do not ask to walk smooth paths
Nor bear an easy load,
I pray for strength and fortitude
To climb the rock-strewn road.
(Gail Brook Burket)*

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